

**FIVE COUNTY
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Minutes**

**August 11, 2010
11:30 am-1:00 p.m.**

**Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South Bldg B
St. George, UT 84770**

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Council Member Ben Nickel	St. George City Council
Bob Green	Washington County School District
Faye Hubbard	Department of Workforce Services
Sue Kimball (on phone)	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
Paula Claymore (on phone)	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
Ray Sim (on phone)	Iron County Care and Share
Sherri Dial	Five County AOG
Stephanie Volker	Southwest Center Behavioral Health
Jane Lewis	Five County CAP
Chuck Goode	Grace Episcopal Church
Kimberly Stubbs	Cedar City Housing Authority/ Foreclosure counseling
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-Entry Center
Britton Lund	Washington County Library
Holly Malnar	DOVE Center
Tami Fullerton	Juvenile Justice Services Washington County Youth Crisis Center
Kim Stubbs	Cedar City Housing Authority
<u>EXCUSED</u>	
Richard Rivera	St. George Soup Kitchen
LuWenn Jones	Disability Law Center & Utah DD Council
Heidi Miller	Cedar City Housing Authority
Anne Yero	Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
Lloyd Pendleton	State Office of Community and Culture
Michelle Brown	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
Colleen Tucker	Job Corps
<u>ABSENT</u>	
Keisha Gaywell	St. George Housing Authority
Robert Schaefer	Dixie Care and Share
Tracie Tice	Premier Adoptions
Michelle Post	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Ben Nickel with St. George City Council welcomed all members in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Frank Yoder to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting, seconded by Chuck Goode.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Frank Yoder to approve the August 11, 2010 agenda, seconded by Chuck Goode. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Update about the Dixie Care and Share

Robert Schaefer

Mr. Robert Schaefer with the Dixie Care and Share was unable to attend the meeting.

HPRP/TANF subcommittee information

Robert Schaefer & Ray Sim

- **How many people have been helped**
- **How to receive services for Beaver, Kane and Garfield counties**
- **TANF application process**
- **Dates of next HPRP workgroup**

Mr. Ray Sim reported that the Iron County Care and Share has been exceptionally busy with helping people get assistance with the two HPRP and TANF programs. The Iron County Care and Share from October 2009 to August 2010 provided direct services of \$38,165 households and 101 individuals. The Iron County Care and Share also provided services of \$72,000 for 69 households and 234 individuals. Mr. Ben Nickel asked "If people are a resident of Beaver, Garfield, and Kane is Iron County Care and Share able to assist them?" Mr. Sim responded that the Cedar City Care and Share works with a small amount of individuals needing assistance within the three counties and the Care and Share is able to assist them if they qualify. Ms. Jane Lewis commented to Mr. Sim that she has been participating in a family development plan to help a man in Panguitch that is homeless and living in a trailer. Mr. Sim asked Ms. Lewis to contact him so that he may get more information on the case. Ms. Paula Claymore asked Mr. Sim if clients that need to receive service should be referred directly to him or to someone else. Mr. Sim responded to have everyone send all the calls directly to him. A question was asked if individuals have to show proof of income to receive assistance with housing. Mr. Sim explained that it is not required to show proof of income however requires a lease from the apartment or landlord. Mr. Sim commented that the program covers rent, back utilities, deposits, etc. Ms. Dial informed the committee that a new director has been hired for the Dixie Care and Share and his name is Ruben Garcia.

Community Sharing Information (CSI) Workshop

Jane Lewis

Ms. Jane Lewis informed the board about the Community Sharing Information Workshop. Ms. Lewis explained that the Community Workshop is to educate the community of services that are available. Ms. Lewis stated that this is a way to get the customers connected with the community services and providers. Ms. Lewis informed that the first Community Sharing Information (CSI) Workshop will be held at the Five County office in St. George on Wednesday the 25th 2010 from 9 am -11:30 and presenters will include Department of Workforce Services, LDS Employment Services and R.E.A.P. These workshops will allow each agency case workers or mentors to learn about the other program that are available. Ms. Heidi Allen asked what topics will be discussed. Ms. Lewis explained that DWS will discuss general services and have basic information on

several topics. In the future the workshops will have separate topics discussed with providers who specialize in the topic area. Ms. Lewis also said some of the workshops will be training to help people become Family Development Specialist's. It is "Case Management 101".

Mr. Chuck Goode discussed the R.E.A.P. program. They were going to create their own non-profit but noticed that Resource and Re-Entry does most of what they wanted to help with so they are going to fold into the Resource and Re-Entry Center. R stands for Reflect Dignity, E. is for Education, A is for advocating for connection to available resources and P is for partnering. When the agencies come together it is better for the individuals who need assistance. Since they share the same dream they are connecting to the RRC. The Local Homeless Coordinating Committee has a workgroup that meets at the Grace Episcopal Church every other Thursday. This group focuses on the needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Mr. Goode explained that all providers are welcome to attend and if someone would like to discuss a specific case to make sure and bring consent forms. Mr. Frank Yoder passed out some handouts of information that Resource and ReEntry is providing. Mr. Yoder informed that Resource and ReEntry is now trying to start up their own businesses to hire their clients that need employment. It is so difficult to find jobs if you are having trouble with life. So creating their own businesses is important.

Housing Counseling

Kim Stubbs

Ms. Kim Stubbs announced that she is with the Cedar City Housing Authority. Ms. Stubbs explained that she provides services for foreclosure prevention, loan modification, short sales and referrals. Ms. Stubbs informed that she comes to St. George on Wednesday for appointments only. Ms. Stubbs is the only housing counselor that assists clients between Cedar City and Las Vegas and some in Arizona with housing counseling. All of the clients she assists are required to provide letters of hardship. There are no income qualifications to receive counseling assistance and there is no cost or fees. Ms. Stubbs also announced that she will be starting some foreclosure workshops to inform the community about the services she provides. The Cedar City Housing Authority is now looking to hire someone part time to work in St. George and is trying to get the word out to people about the services the Housing Authority provides. They work with the Home Affordable Program trying to help individual to be able to have their homes be affordable. Ms. Stubbs is also having foreclosure workshops.

State Information

Lloyd Pendleton

Mr. Lloyd Pendleton was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Sherri Dial informed the board about the Homeless Summit Conference that will be held in Salt Lake City on October 13, 2010. Ms. Barbara Pope will be coming from the State Interagency of Homeless and speaking about fundraising and strategic planning on homelessness. Ms. Dial passed out information on the Face of Hunger Conference coming up on September 14th and 15th by the Utah Food Bank. The conference will be talking about disaster planning and food assistance along with other topics. It cost \$25 for the conference.

Continuum of Care Sub-Committee Updates

Heidi Miller

Ms. Heidi Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Kim Stubbs announced that the Continuum of Care Balance of State has replaced Eileen with Karen McCraven. The Cedar City Housing Authority is trying to be proactive on the grants with HUD. Ms. Dial mentioned that the Dixie Care and Share receives HUD funding. Mr. Ray Sim commented that the Iron County Care and Share also receives HUD funding for transitional housing.

Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Ms. Dial handed out the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by 2014 summary. She explained the criteria for chronic homelessness includes the person having a disability to fit the criteria to receive help for chronic

homelessness. The inability to have a home creates distress. Ms. Lewis commented that the Federal funders are pushing those that have HPRP money to include individuals that are high risk and not only providing the services that those that are somewhat stable. A comment was made that there are too many people are depending on receiving assistance. Ms. Lewis suggested tracking all individuals that apply to receive assistance whether they are eligible or not. Mr. Chuck Goode asked the question to Mr. Sim if the Iron County Care and Share is keeping a record of outcomes of the individuals that have received HPRP assistance. The plan is an implementation tool that represents the local agencies and groups' commitment to ending chronic homelessness. The commitment is to provide 118 homeless units. Mr. Frank Yoder has been working with Ty Tibbets with Color County Housing and the Veteran Affairs to get more housing in Hurricane. Ms. Dial asked everyone to review the plan and give their ideas.

Point-in-Time discussion

Mr. Ben Nickel reviewed with the committee the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by 2014 has the information from the most recent count of services provided between the years 2005-2007. The numbers were 201 individuals homeless and 29.3 percent of those individuals are chronically homeless. Mr. Nickel stated that the numbers have definitely increased since then. Mr. Nickel commented that it will be good to hear some updates at the next meeting on how the Dixie Care and Share doing. Mr. Nickel stated that Iron County is doing well on keeping records of services provided. The Dixie Care and Share may be having more of a challenge because of the higher demographics and all the changes that have been taking place.

Mr. Ray Sim felt the count of individuals on the street was lacking and that more law enforcement involvement would help achieve a better count. It is important to get a better count. The next count will be Jan 25 or 26, 2011. Mr. Sim tried to contact the Sheriffs offices and they were not sure how to help.

The Washington County Library would like to help in the count next time.

Other Updates

Ms. Britton Lund from Washington County Library commented that when someone is homeless and unemployed they have no address and therefore are unable to receive a library card. There are many individuals looking for employment and need to have access to a computer. Ms. Lund stated that many individuals that are homeless and have family to stay in contact with are more likely to pull out of homelessness. If an individual does not have email it is very hard to stay in contact. Ms. Lund stated that she is able to help people receive a temporary internet access only library card. Ms. Lewis commented that she has cards for case workers to provide to qualified individuals to receive a free temporary internet access only library card.

Next meeting

Mr. Nickel announced that the next Homeless Coordinating Committee Meeting will be on October 20, 2010 from 11:30 to 1:00.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Goode to adjourn the meeting
Meeting Ajourned